

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

AGENDA

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

JUNE 24, 1966

1. Letter from Ducks Unlimited (2)
2. Drainage Canal approved for Ouachita Parish Police Jury  
on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. (3)
3. Approval of La. Interstate Gas Corp. for pipe line crossing  
Black Bayou, Natchitoches Parish. (5)
4. Alligator Game Breeders permit (7)
5. Approval of La. Gas Service Co. Right-of-Way permit (9)
6. Other Business.

Mr. Ray Whatley - Moving of New Orleans Office Building  
(10)

Mr. Adras Laborde - Questions of proposed land  
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(11)

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MEETING HELD IN ALEXANDRIA

June 24, 1966

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in Alexandria, La., on Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24, 1966.

Thursday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, Mr. Marc Dupuy representing the owners of land located in the Spring Bayou Area, Avoyelles Parish, and the preparation of the Agenda for the Friday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Friday, June 24, 1966 at 9:30 A.M. in the Pelican Room of the Ramada Inn, Alexandria, La.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated that usually the first order of business is the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Since the minutes of the meetings of May 23 and 24 were not made available to the Commission in sufficient time for the meeting, on motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet and unanimously adopted, the approval of the minutes of the May 23 and 24 meetings was omitted until a later date.

Chairman Thompson stated that the Commission received a letter from Mr. Dale E. Whitesell, Executive Vice President of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., dated June 16, 1966, which read as follows:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of the State of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission check in the amount of \$50,000.00, representing an advance payment on the sale of licenses for the 1965-1966 period.

"Our sincerest appreciation is extended to you, the members of the Commission, your staff, Legislators and sportsmen of the great State of Louisiana, for the continued and exemplary support of the objectives of Ducks Unlimited. Per your request, these monies will be expended in Western Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan.

"The resolution passed at the last board meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, requesting that Ducks Unlimited name a lake in Canada Mallard Bay in memorium to our late Trustee and your great friend, A. C. 'Pops' Glassell, will be brought before our next Executive Committee meeting for final action by our next meeting of the Board of Trustees. Recognizing the debt of gratitude that all of us owe 'Pops', I feel that I can assure you that the request set forth in the resolution will most certainly be honored.

"Again thank you for your continued support of the objectives of Ducks Unlimited.

Sincerely,

Dale E. Whitesell  
Executive Vice President"

Chairman Thompson said that he was very pleased to see that Ducks Unlimited will make every effort to fulfill the Commission's request to have a lake named after "Pops" Glassell and also pleased to be a part of the Commission in sending \$50,000.00 to Ducks Unlimited as they have a wonderful program.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission received a request from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for a right-of-way for a drainage canal through a portion of our Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area and enlargement of an existing canal already on our property. He said the new canal, W-6 Main will be in T 17 N, R 5 E, S 2 and 3. It will follow the Illinois Central Railroad on the north side.

Mr. Herring said that the Ouachita Parish Police Jury also wishes to improve the drainage canal W-10 Main located in T 18 N, R 5 E, Section 13, 14, 23 and 24. Mr. Herring said that the feasibility of this request has been checked by Commission personnel and recommended that same be granted provided certain stipulations are agreed upon by the Police Jury.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for a right-of-way for a drainage canal through a portion of our Russell Sage Wildlife Management area and

enlargement of an existing canal already on the property. This permission is hereby granted to the Police Jury provided certain stipulations are agreed upon:

Authorization for the new canal, W-6 Main which will be in T 17 N, R 5 E, Section 2 and 3, and will follow the Illinois Central Railroad on the north side is granted subject to the following conditions.

1. That the Police Jury will construct and maintain one bridge across this drainage ditch capable of supporting 35 tons and 14 feet in width at location determined by Commission personnel.
2. That the Police Jury will have the contractor (or themselves) level the top of each spoil bank a minimum of 16 foot width to provide access for our personnel doing development work, and also, provide access for public hunters.
- 3/ That spoil will be located on side of ditch as prescribed by Commission personnel.
4. That the Police Jury will extend the proposed W-6 main canal in Section 2, T 17 N, R 5 E, so that it empties into the big LaFourche Drainage Canal instead of the Old Bayou LaFourche Channel Bed.

Authorization for the improvement of drainage canal W-10 Main located in T 18 N, R 5 E, Section 13, 14, 23 and 24, is granted subject to the following conditions.

1. That the Police Jury will construct and maintain one bridge across this drainage canal capable of supporting 35 tons and 14 feet in width at location designated by Commission personnel.
2. That the Police Jury will have the contractor (or themselves) level the top of each spoil bank a minimum of 16 foot width to provide access for personnel doing development work and also provide access for public hunters.
3. That spoil will be located on side of ditch as prescribed by Commission personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

At this time, Chairman Thompson recognized the presence of Mr. Ray Whatley, Mr. Richard Fleming, and Mr. John Paul Crain who were past Board Members of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to the request received from the Louisiana Interstate Gas Corporation.

Mr. Herring stated that the Commission received a request from the Louisiana Interstate Gas Corporation for permission to construct a 16 inch natural gas pipe line in the northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve. The construction of the bayou and levee crossings will be in accord with the standards set out by the

Louisiana Department of Public Works. Mr. Herring said that the contractors are obligated to incur as little damage as possible and to restore the ground to as near the original condition as possible. Mr. Herring said that this request was reviewed by Water Pollution Control Division, District III personnel of the Fish and Game Division and the request meets with approval and satisfaction.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the proposed pipe line, located in the west 1/4 Section 11 and 14, Township 10 North, Range 6 West in Natchitoches Parish, La. on properties of Everett T. Heister, et al, and Mary D. McClenden, will necessitate the crossing of Black Lake Bayou in Section 11, Township 10 North, Range 6 West; a levee in the same Section 11, north of Black Lake Bayou and a boat shute on said bayou, and

WHEREAS, the construction of the bayou and levee crossings will be in accord with the standards set out by the Louisiana Department of Public Works, and

THEREFORE, the Commission's contractors are obligated to incur as little damage as possible and to restore the ground to as near the original condition as possible.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Louisiana Interstate Gas Corporation to construct a 16 inch natural gas pipe line in

the northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Herring to tell the Commission about the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said that with the closing of alligator season in Louisiana there is a possibility that game breeders' permits may be used in the illegal handling of alligators. Individuals having permits can legally sell the various species of game they raise. This pertains to quail, deer, etc. Mr. Herring said that the Fish and Game Division and the Enforcement Division held a meeting and decided to request the Commission to make regulations for game breeders obtaining permits in order to prevent the illegal sale of alligators and alligator pelts.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby set forth the following rules and regulations for those obtaining Game Breeders' permits in order to prevent the illegal sale of alligators and alligator pelts:

1. Applicant will submit application as in the past by writing a letter stating his desire to raise alligators and his purpose and make a deposit of \$10.00 to the Commission when submitting this application.



2. Upon receipt of this application and deposit, one biologist and one Enforcement agent will check the applicants premises and pens (and alligators for those who have been in business).
3. All alligators must be tagged at all times, for tagging purposes two types of tags will be used. One type for alligators under 2 1/2 feet, and another for 2 1/2 feet and larger.
4. All newly hatched alligators must be tagged immediately for identification. This will restrict the practice of bringing in wild captured baby alligators and including them with the farm.
5. Small alligators under 2 1/2 feet will be tagged with a fish tag attached by means of coated leader material and a metal sleeve. This is attached through the dorsal tail scutes and a loop is formed with the leader material. The size of the loop should allow ample room for growth.
6. Larger alligators, those over 2 1/2 feet in length, shall be tagged on a dorsal scute with a metal tag which is the type presently being used to ear tag deer.
7. The identification tags should remain on the hide until it reaches the tanner. This allows the tracing of individual specimens back to the alligator farm and thus he cannot buy hides to be included in the sale.

8. Records of tags will be maintained by the game breeder for research and reference purposes. Information will include such data as date of hatch (for young), length, sex, date tagged plus other pertinent data that personnel may feel to be of scientific and enforcement value.
9. District Offices will maintain records on alligator breeding operations in their respective Districts.
10. Personnel of Enforcement and Fish and Game Divisions will mark the alligators.
11. Close supervision and frequent inspections will be made by Enforcement personnel.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission has also received a request from the Louisiana Gas Service Company for a right-of-way permit to cross the front of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission property at the location of the Ferriday District Office on Lake Concordia. He said that this request has been checked by the Commission's District IV Supervisor and it is recommended that this agreement be accepted. It may be that in the future the Commission will want to receive service from this line rather than purchase butane fuel.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Louisiana Gas Service

Company for a right-of-way permit to cross the front of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission property at location of District Office on Lake Concordia with said property being described as follows:

A portion of Lots 11 & 12 of the Subdivision of Windemere Plantation, as per plat of survey by J. P. Sessions, C. E., recorded in Deed Book VV, page 594, of the Records of Concordia Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SE corner of the Henry White property which is marked by a 2 " iron pipe on bank of Lake Concordia, running S.58 degrees 07' W. 364.2 feet to an iron pipe; which is point of beginning; thence S.58 degrees 07' W. 167.0 feet to an iron pipe; thence N.42 degrees 45' W. 669.0 feet to an iron pipe; thence N.12 degrees 45' W. 32.5 feet to an iron pipe on old U. S. Highway No. 65 Right-of-Way line; thence in a northeasterly direction along said highway right-of-way 184.0 feet to an iron pipe; thence 5.42 degrees 45' E. 621.0 feet to the point of beginning. All being located in the SW portion of Lot 11 and SE portion of Lot 12 of Windemere Plantation Subdivision, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, containing 2.54 acres, more or less.

Said five foot (5') Right-of-Way to be parallel with and adjacent to the South Right-of-Way line of Louisiana Highway No. 568.

Chairman Thompson asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission. Mr. Ray Whatley requested the floor.

Mr. Whatley said that he was sure everyone was familiar with the situation concerning the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building in New Orleans. This building was purchased in 1956 at a cost of 1.1 million dollars from Mayor Morrison, City of New Orleans. Many thought this was a mistake, but we must keep in mind that this building belongs to the sportsmen. MR. Whatley said he would like

to see the sportsmen's money replaced if this building is to be turned into an opera house. Naturally, since 1956 the value has risen and certainly we are entitled to get the money back and not let the money go to the wrong people if this change is to take place.

Chairman Thompson said he concurs with Mr. Whatley.

Mr. Adras Laborde requested the floor and was recognized by the Chairman.

Mr. Laborde said that he would like to get a report from the Commission concerning the 10,000 acres of land in Avoyelles Parish which the Commission might purchase.

Chairman Thompson said that there are still many details to be worked out in this matter.

Mr. Laborde said that he had a few more questions to ask concerning this land. Chairman Thompson said the Governor intends to check into this matter also and would like to have some time so that he may be thoroughly convinced and make no mistakes in this matter.

Mr. Bob Wall of the Baton Rouge States Times requested to be heard.

Mr. Wall said that since no one else has brought up the subject, he would like to have a report from the Commission concerning the recent criticism of Mr. Hair.

Mr. Jones said that in view of the fact that Mr. Hair has requested the Governmental Code of Ethics Commission to investigate this matter that he thought we should wait for their report and that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission would

reserve the right to also conduct an investigation.

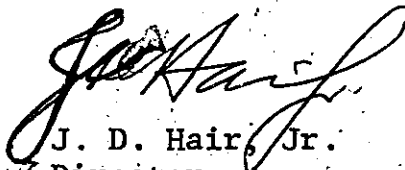
Mr. Buquet said that because of personal reasons and past experiences he would like his vote recused.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request that the Board Members reserve the right to investigate the accusations recently made against its Director, J. D. Hair, Jr.

Chairman Thompson said that he would like to tell everyone that he is in the business of flying planes and that he would like it crystal clear that 99 per cent of the sea planes are Cessna planes and that the Hair Flying Service is the distributor of Cessna planes. Chairman Thompson said that he personally intends to purchase one and he does not know of any where else that he could purchase one and he did want everyone present to know this fact.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

  
J. D. Hair, Jr.  
Director